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SUBJECT: EURATOM & THE NPT

REF: A) BRUSSELS 62 (NOTAL); B) STATE 23916 (NOTAL) C) GENEVA 655  
(NOTAL)

1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER OF REF B WITH BELGIAN

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DISARMAMENT SPECIALISTS (KONINCKX AND HERPELS) FEBRUARY 4

AND PRESENTED US ATTITUDE AS SET OUT IN PARA 6 OF THAT REFTEL.

2. NPT AND RELATED EC-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT HAVE PASSED THROUGH BELGIAN SENATE COMMISSION AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR SENATE DEBATE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH 1975. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT SENATE WILL APPROVE BOTH BY ALMOST UNANIMOUS VOTE (SEE REF A).

3. BELGIANS TOLD US THEY STILL FACE A SERIOUS DELEMMA AS REGARDS DEPOSITION OF RATIFICATIONS. ON THE ONE HAND THEY ARE STRONGLY FOR THE NPT AD RELATED AGREEMENT; ON THE OTHER THEY DO NOT WANT TO BREAK EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY AND ISOLATE ITALY. BELGIANS SAID THEY HAD ARGUED WITH AND PRESSURED ITALY TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO DO SO ON THIS ISSUE, WITH ADMITTEDLY LITTLE RESULT. THEY BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ANY LEVERAGE AT ALL WITH ITALINAS, THEY CANNOT BREAK WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE. IF THEY DID BREAK EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY, THEY FEAR A HARDENING OF THE ITALIAN POSITION. BELGIANS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR'S JANUARY 23 ADDRESS AND HOPE THAT THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT WILL ACT SPEEDILY ON THE AGREEMENTS. THEY ESTIMATE ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY ACTION WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS UNLESS A GOVERNMENT CRISIS INTERVENES.

4. BELGIANS MADE TWO UNOFFICIAL USGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE USG:

A) THEY BELIEVE THE EUROPEAN STATES HAVE USED EVERY ARGUMENT WITH THE ITALIANS THEY PRESENTLY CAN. THEY SUGGESTED THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE ITALIANS AFTER EXPECTED PASSAGE IN MARCH BY BELGIAN SENATE, USG MIGHT EFFECTIVELY WEIGH IN AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL IN ITALY, PREFERABLEY TO AT LEAST THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

B) THEY BELIEVE THAT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE SHOULD BE OPEN FOR PARTICIPATION BY SIGNATORIES, EVEN THOUGH THESE

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HAVE NOT RATIFIED AGREEMENTS. THEY WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, EXPECT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING UNDER THIS FORMULA. BELGIANS NOTE THIS WOULD PERMIT PARTICIPATION BY FRIENDLY WESTERN STATES WHICH HAVE NOT RATIFIED FOR TACITICAL REASONS. THIS BELGIAN SUGGSTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO OUR RECEIPT OF REF C WHICH CLEARLY PARALLELS BELGIAN VIEWS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS WE CAN MAKE TO BELGIANS  
ON THEIR SUGGESTIONS REPORTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. RENNER

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